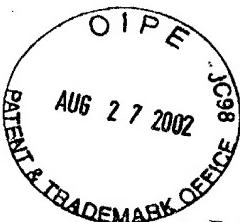


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to extend the due date for responding to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002 :

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